

## **MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**Thursday, June 21, 2007 9:00 a.m. Senate Appropriations Room, Lansing, Michigan**

Representative Mayes, Chair of the House Standing Committee on Agriculture, and Senator VanWoerkom, Chair of the Senate Standing Committee on Agriculture, called the Joint Committee Meeting to order.

**HOUSE MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Mayes, Brown, Kathleen Law, Leland, Sheltrown, Walker, Nitz, Ball, Meekhof. (9/11)**

**ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Byrum, Angerer. (2/11)**

Representative Meekhof made a motion to excuse absent members. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

Chair VanWoerkom and Chair Mayes spoke briefly to the Committees regarding the work of the Renewable Fuels Commission.

The following individuals addressed the Committees:

Mitch Irwin, Chair of the Renewable Fuels Commission

Dr. Mary Beth Stanek, Environmental and Energy Director of General Motors

Curtis Magleby, Director of State and Local Government Affairs of Ford Motor Company

James Byrum, President of the Michigan Agri-Business Association

James Croce, Chief Executive Officer of NextEnergy

Topics discussed included: Michigan's natural resources and energy consumption and production; Ethanol plants in Michigan; the charge of the Commission and Commission recommendations; and future direction of the Renewable Fuels Commission. Questions were answered for Committee members.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Mayes declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:00 a.m.

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Representative Jeff Mayes, Chair

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